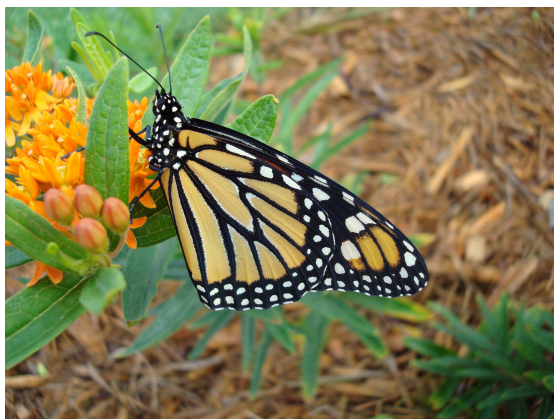


Native Plant Pollinator Garden for the Cranberry Mountain Nature Center

2008 Accomplishments

Native Plant Funding in FY08 was distributed to the Gauley District of the Monongahela National Forest for a native plant/pollinator garden at the Cranberry Mountain Nature Center. One sign has been erected noting that the garden is intended to attract Monarch Butterflies. Interpretive signage detailing the plants contained in the garden will be added in FY09, along with a webpage on the Monongahela website for internet visitors. Approximately 300 plants were replanted in a 6x60' garden. The garden is next to the nature center, along a sidewalk which allows handicapped access. The garden area features a bird bath and a finch feeder. Hummingbird feeders hang nearby on the building. A flagstone separation in the garden leads into the shade of a large maple tree, which serves as a picnic area for visitors. One end of the garden path turns into the interpretive trail, the other end features benches at the butterfly milkweed garden, with views of the beautiful Highland Scenic Highway. The garden features columbine, wild bergamot, coreopsis, aster, blazing star, beard tongue, oxeye daisy, black-eyed Susan, bee balm, phlox and wild geraniums and a section of butterfly milkweed. Several areas of native wildflower/grass meadows will be planted this fall, which will also be interpreted with signage.



Monarch butterflies have already begun enjoying the milkweed planted to attract them at the Cranberry Mountain Nature Center garden.



The portion of the Native Plant/Pollinator garden at Cranberry Mountain Nature Center which features this shady picnic area.

Year Awarded: 2008

Project completion: Ongoing

Report number: 1 of 1

Expenditures: \$5,759.73

Total funding \$5,759.73

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Completed by Gauley District and nature center employees, student hires, interns and local volunteers.

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